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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

The Nation has made encouraging progress in eliminating racial and religious discrimination in work done under Government contracts since President Eisenhower established the Committee on Government Contracts in August 1953. Your agency shares in the credit for these gains.

Despite this progress, however, much remains to be done. Discrimination because of race, religion, color, or national origin must not occur in the performance of Government contracts. The Committee believes that there should be even greater advances under the program in the future. Looking to that end, the Committee is of the opinion that where education, conciliation, mediation and persuasion do not bring the proper results, a firmer approach should be adopted.

Consequently, the Committee requests your agency, in determining whether a prospective contractor is responsible and accordingly eligible to receive the award of a contract, to consider whether the contractor has an employment record which indicates that he will be able to conform to the requirements of the standard nondiscrimination clause.

The Committee also requests your agency, in determining whether an existing contractor is responsible and accordingly eligible to receive additional awards of contracts, to deny awards, as appropriate, upon determination by your agency of clear and convincing evidence of noncompliance by Government contractors with the standard nondiscrimination clause. Awards of contracts, of course, should be resumed upon

receipt of satisfactory evidence that **corrective action has** been taken by the contractor.

I want to take this opportunity to **thank** you again, on behalf of the Committee, for your continued **contributions** to the National program to insure economic equality for all of America's people.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard Nixon